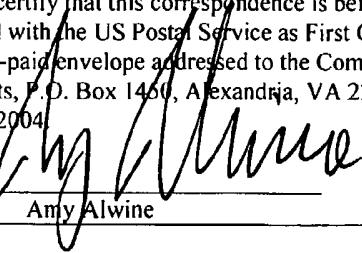


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AMENDMENT AF

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

A) In response to the Office Action mailed June 1, 2004 with a shortened statutory period for response no later than September 1, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.